(b) whether it is a fact that Government propose to close down this scheme;

(c) to what extent has Government been unable to sustain the growth of the non-conventional energy generation in the country;

(d) the steps proposed to review all existing steps and to enhance power production from non-conventional energy plants; and

(e) the reasons for giving step-motherly treatment to this sector by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Ministry has reviewed all grid interactive renewable power programmes/schemes and decided to rationalize them by converting interest subsidy to one-time capital subsidy.

(c) to (e) Over 5000 MW of grid interactive renewable power systems have been deployed by 30.09.2004. The broad aim at the national level is to deploy around 3075 MW of grid interactive renewable power systems during the10th Plan period. In the first half of the 10th Plan period, around 1670 MW of renewable power systems have already been set up. On current trends it is expected that the aforesaid 10th Plan target would be met.

Pending proposal of Kerala for production of power from NCES

635. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Kerala for the production of power from non-conventional sources pending with the Government for sanction; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) & (b) No proposal of Kerala for the production of power from non-conventional energy sources is pending for sanction in this Ministry.